NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT RULE REGARDING THE USE OF NEBRASKA JUROR QUALIFICATION FORM

This rule shall become effective on January 1, 2006, and shall govern the content and use of the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form in all district and county courts of the State of Nebraska.

The Nebraska Juror Qualification Form, attached as Appendix A to this rule, has been adopted by the Nebraska Supreme Court pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-1629.01 (Supp. 2005). All district and county courts shall use the attached form when the use of a juror qualification form is required by statute unless a request for approval of any amendments to such form has been approved by the Supreme Court. Such requests shall be submitted in writing and on a disk or CD in a Microsoft Word compatible format to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for submission to the Court. Any language to be added to the form shall be underscored and any language to be deleted from the form shall be overstruck.

The CONFIDENTIAL JUROR INFORMATION section of the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form, Part VII, shall be detachable and shall be removed by the clerks of the district and county courts or jury commissioners and stored in a confidential manner by such clerk or commissioner until the end of the jury term. No one shall be permitted access to these detached sections except as set forth in this rule. The clerk or commissioner shall deliver the detached confidential information to an approved research agent of the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Nebraska Minority and Justice Implementation Committee (NMJIC) and the Nebraska Racial Justice Initiative (NRJI) have been approved by the Nebraska Supreme Court as such research agents. The confidential juror information may also be maintained, stored, and transmitted to the approved research agent by electronic means by any court which possesses such capabilities.

Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the use of case-specific supplemental juror questionnaires to the extent that the supplemental questions do not duplicate any information requested in the Nebraska Juror Qualification Form.

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